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Speaking of Training

There is pointed irony in Judge Milton S. Kronheim's ridicule of Lawyer William E. Owen for which the Municipal Court of Appeals has now rebuked the judge. At one point Judge Kronheim said of the lawyer, "We cannot train him now, so we had better go ahead and do the best we can." Later on Judge Kronheim apologized for what he believed to be improper questioning of a witness by Mr. Owen and then added: "He does not know any better and cannot be trained." Well, the Municipal Court of Appeals wisely refrained from indulging in any such insulting language in regard to Judge Kronheim's own conduct. But it ruled that Mr. Owen's client had been "denied a fair trial" and that "no judge in the course of a trial is justified in making a series of disparaging remarks concerning a lawyer's training and ability." It is unfortunate that any judge serving the Nation's Capital needs to be thus instructed.

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